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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **November 15, 2006**.

The Office Action requires the claims of either Group I (claims 1-8 and 10-17) or Group II (claim 9) be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Group I. Applicants' election is made without traverse.

The Office Action further requires Applicants to elect (1) a single disclosed species of an excipient; and (2) a single disclosed species of a local anesthetic for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action identifies claims 4, 10-12, 14-15, and 17 as generic claims.

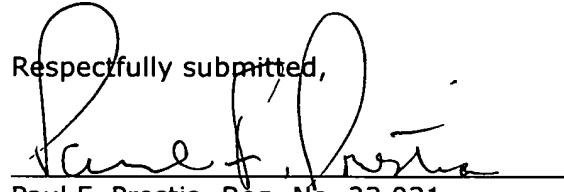
Applicants hereby elect (1) cysteine as an excipient; and (2) lidocaine as a local anesthetic. Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-8 and 10-17 are generic to the first elected species and that claim 10 is generic to the second elected species.

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Accordingly, as a result of the elections made herein, claims 1-8 and 10-17 are the claims to be considered.

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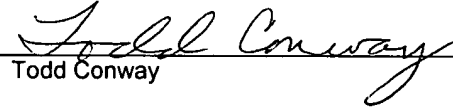
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